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SUBJECT: HOUSE ARMED SERVICES STAFFDEL VISIT TO EUROPE
RE PROPOSED EUCOM RELOCATION
USCINCEUR AND SHAPE FOR POLADS
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1. REF A CONTAINS ITINERARY AND GUIDANCE ON HOUSE ARMED
SERVICES COMMITTEE SURVEYS AND INVESTIGATION TEAM'S
EUROPEAN VISIT. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO INVESTIGATE CONCEPT

OF SHAPE-EUCOM COLLOCATION AND, INTER ALIA, TO BE BRIEFED
ON THE ATTENDANT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS DURING EUCOM AND
SHAPE DISCUSSIONS.

2. IN VIEW OF SERIOUS POLITICAL IMPACT AND CONCERNS
EXPRESSED REF B, AS WELL AS FRG AND NATO IMPLICATIONS
ADDEES SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH
CINCEUR AND SHAPE TO PROVIDE POLITICAL BRIEFINGS FOR
HOUSE TEAM DURING BOTH THE EUCOM AND SHAPE VISITS. THESE
ASSESSMENTS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE A PART OF DATA AND
INFORMATION PACKAGE FURNISHED TO HOUSE TEAM (PARA 5 REF A)

3. ADDRESSEES SHOULD PROVIDE ALL POLITICAL CONCERNS AND
CONSIDERATIONS DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH HOUSE TEAM AND
SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT NO WASHINGTON DECISION HAS YET
BEEN TAKEN ON THIS CONCEPT NOR WILL ANY DIPLOMATIC
APPROACHES BE MADE TO HOST GOVERNMENTS PENDING INTERAGENCY
EVALUATION. STATE AND DEFENSE HAVE RECENTLY EXCHANGED
LETTERS ON THIS SUBJECT AND DISCUSSIONS HAVE ONLY JUST
BEGUN. HOUSE TEAM SHOULD ALSO BE
CAUTIONED ABOUT SENSITIVITY OF THIS SUBJECT AND STRESS
THAT IT NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH NON-U.S. NATIONALS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN BRIEFING ARRANGEMENTS ARE CONFIRMED
AND REPORT FULLY ON DISCUSSIONS WITH HOUSE TEAM.

5. FOR USNATO: YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT FROM A NATO STAND-
POINT, A PRIMARY POLITICAL CONSIDERATION IS THE INFLUX OF
U.S. PERSONNEL AND ATTENDANT IMPACT ON THE CHARACTER OF
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